more ſo in *Ambr. Pary, lib.* 25. *cap.* 19. but neither of them ſo ſtrange in cauſe or effects as mine.

It's not for want of old Authorities that I have here quoted few but Moderns; I know *Galen*, *Crato*, *Sennertus*, *M. Donatus*, *Z. Luſitanus*, *Fernelius*, *G. Horſtius*, *Schenckius*, and many more before this Age, who have told the world of Stones generated in, and ejected from the Inteſtines of diſeaſed people, but none that I know with ſuch ſurprizing circumſtances as this ſent you by

S I R, *Your moſt humble Servant*,

James Yonge.

The Ball intire is figured No 3, *and its inſide and Plumb-ſtone by it.*

V. *Some inſtances of other perſons who were hurt by ſwallowing Plumb-ſtones, by the Publiſher.*

THe diſcourſe mentioned in the beginning of the foregoing Letter was concerning Plumb-ſtones which had been ſwallowed by ſome perſons, and had been the cauſe of their Sickneſs or Death.

The firſt was a Man in *Lancaſhire*, who being for many years ill of the Colic, and receiving relief from no Med'cine, deſired he might be diſſected after his Death, to ſee what might be the cauſe of his Diſeaſe. This was accordingly done, and they took out of one of his Guts a large Ball 6 inches about, of an ounce and half weight made up of a ſpungy matter which ſwims in Water, and viewed by a Microſcope, appeared to be made up of very ſmall, tranſparent Hairs or Fibres, wrought together, after the manner of the *Tophus Bovinus* taken out of the maws of Oxen. In the middle or center of it was a common Prune or Plumb-ſtone, which had been ſwallowed, and ſticking ſomewhere in the Guts, had gathered that ſubſtance about it which reſembled the ſmall Hairs on the skins of ſeveral Creatures or Fibers of Plants we eat. Dr *Charles Leigh* in his Natural Hiſtory of *Lancaſhire*, *&c.* in his firſt Table has figured this Fig. 4. He

ſhewing me the ſame, I was deſirous to ſee what it was made of, and had it cut for that purpoſe, and found it of a hairy or fibrous ſubſtance, layer upon layer, or coat upon coat, over a Plumb-ſtone. This Ball with its Plumb-ſtone and ſeveral Coats, my very good Friend Dr *Leigh* was pleaſed to give me, and it is now in my poſſeſſion, and ſeems to be of the ſame ſubſtance with that mentioned by Mr *Yonge*.

The ſecond inſtance I ſaw of theſe Balls was by the means of Dr *Wm Cole*, who did me the favour to ſhew me a Letter he had from the Country, and ſome ſmaller Balls than the 2 before mentioned, which had in their centers Plumb-ſtones. The perſon he was conſulted for, had, I think, the Colick to a great degree, and had voided ſeveral of them, they were not ſo Sphærical, but of a compreſs'd figure, ſmooth on the outſide and glaz'd as ſome of the *Tophi Bovini* are; and ſeemed within of the ſame ſubſtance with the former *ſtratum ſuper ſtratum* upon a Plumb-ſtone.

A third inſtance like theſe I ſaw, through the favour of the late Dr *Wm Stokeham*, who ſhewed me a Ball about the largeneſs of that I had of Dr *Leigh*, which had been voided by a perſon after great Sickneſs, and preſerved by the Patients Phyſician, who was one famous for practiſing Chymically ſome years ago, *viz.* Dr *George Thompſon*. He has wrote a large account of this caſe, and printed it in his *experimenta admiranda*, p. 67. *de Lithocolo*, I had this laſt Ball in my poſſeſſion ſome time, and in appearance it was of the ſame ſubſtance, but what was contained in it I could not tell, not being permitted to open it, but that Author tells us it had ſeveral Plumb and Cherry-ſtones in it. Theſe Balls ſeem to be form'd ſomething after the manner of *Bezoars*, which generally have ſome ſeed for their Center or *nucleus*, on which Coats of another ſubſtance are gathered.

Theſe inſtances are ſufficient to ſhew the folly of that common opinion, that the Stones of Fruit are wholeſome, for tho by Nature the Guts are ſo defended by the *Mucus Inteſtinalis*, that very ſeldom People ſuffer, yet if we conſider the various circumvolutions of the Guts, their valves and cells;

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and at the ſame time conſider the hair of the Skins of Animals we feed on, the Wooll or Down on Herbs and Fruit, the Fibres, Veſſels, and Nerves of Plants which are not altered by the Stomach, the ſame caſe may very eaſily happen. I once ſaw as ſtrange a Diſtemper, and almoſt as obſtinate and long as I ever met with, proceed from a great quantity of Strawberry Seeds which had lodged in the Guts, and after their diſcharge the perſon was eaſed. And I have heard of many beſides thoſe publiſhed, who have loſt their Lives by ſwallowing many Cherry-ſtones.

VI. *A Letter from Mr* Thoresby, *F. R. S. to the Publiſher, concerning the* Veſtigia *of a* Roman *Town lately diſcovered near* Leedes *in* Yorkſhire.

Sir,

IN obedience to your Commands, to acquaint the Society with any thing remarkable that occurs in theſe parts, this brings you notice of the diſcovery of the *Veſtigia* of a *Roman* Town, upon the *Moor* near *Adel* Mill, 4 miles from *Leedes*; 'twas found out accidentally by a Tenant of Mr *Arthington*, who endeavouring to plow part of his Farm, was retarded by a great quantity of Stone, immediately below the ſurface of the Earth, which he was forced to dig up before he could proceed, and has already out of the Foundations of Houſes, which they traced on both ſides the Street, got ſo many Stones as has built above 100 rods of Walling. At a very little diſtance is a *Roman Camp* pretty entire, 'tis above 4 Chains broad and 5 long, ſurrounded with a ſingle Vallum, which from the top of the Agger to the bottom of the Trench is yet 22 foot deep in the place I meaſured, but the extremity of the weather prevented ſo particular a Survey as I

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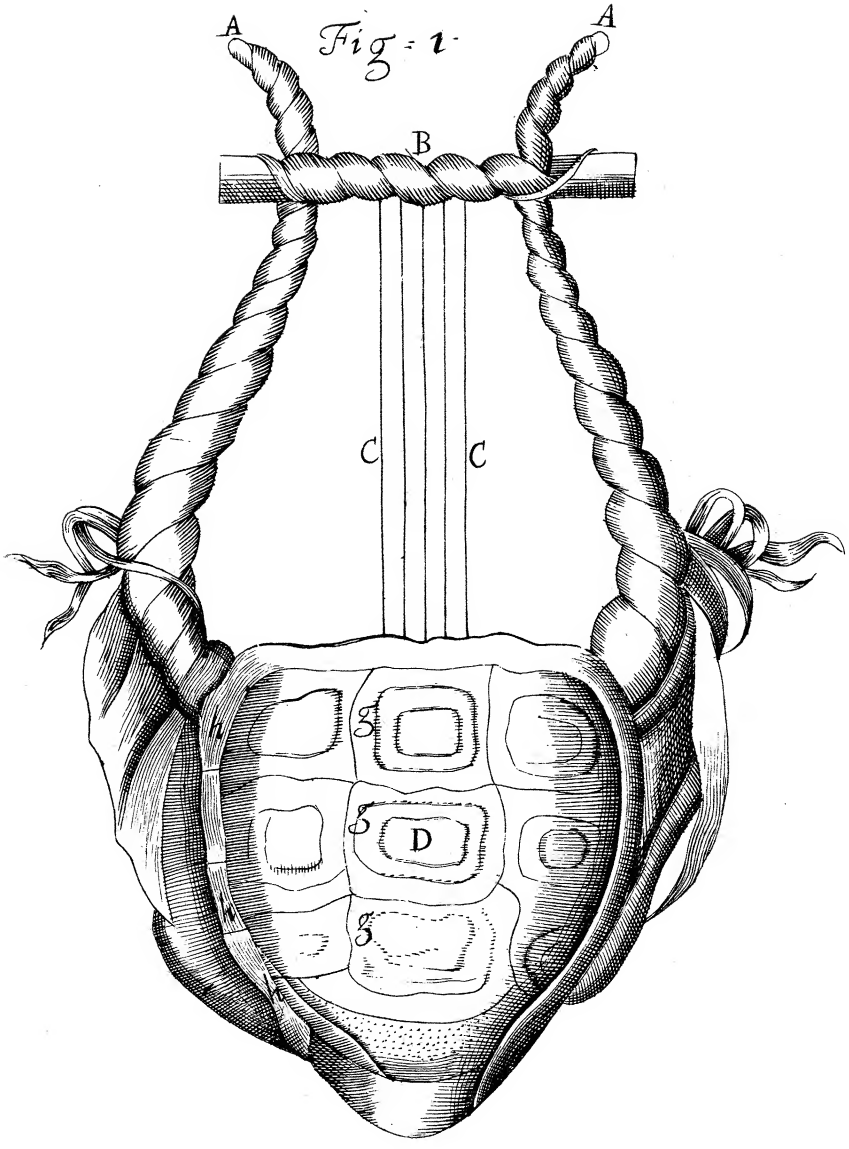

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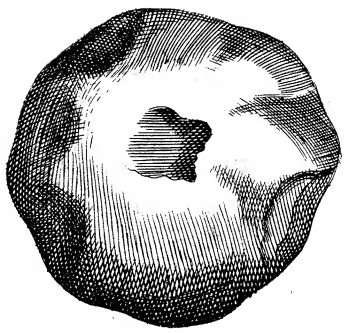

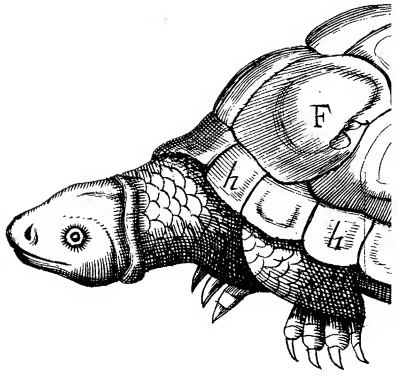

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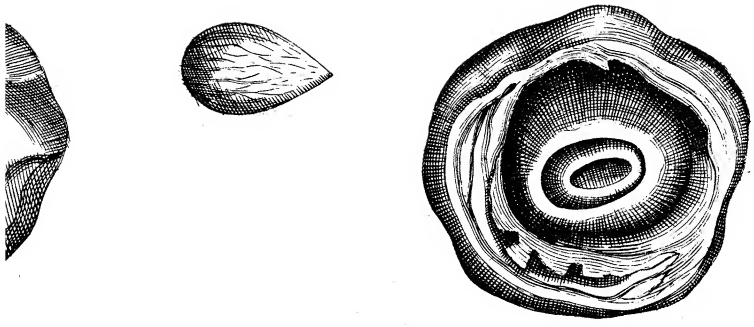

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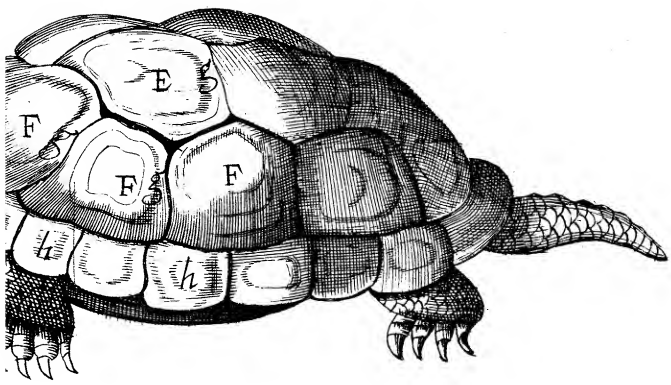

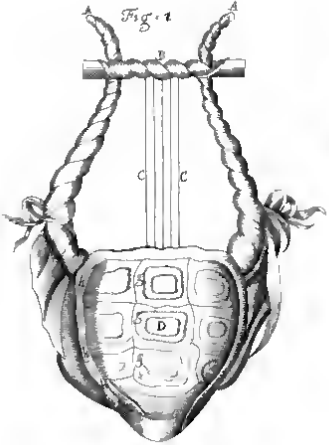

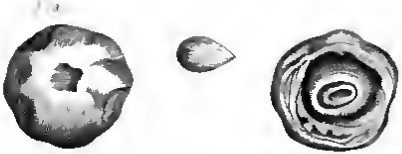

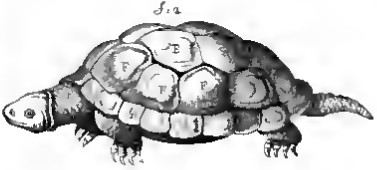
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